



**CITY OF INKSTER
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 6, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.**

An orientation session was held at 6:12p.m. to allow staff to answer questions or address any concerns related to agenda items.

The regular meeting of the Council of the City of Inkster, Wayne County, Michigan was called to order by Mayor Wimberly, Chairman at 7:00 p.m. and prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Leon Crawford of Citi Praise Church/Café.

Roll Call

Mayor Wimberly	Present	Councilmember Watley	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Howard	Present	Councilmember Chisholm	Present
Councilmember Williams	Present	Councilmember Shaw	Present
Councilmember Washington	Present		

***A Quorum was present**

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Howard to approve the agenda as presented.

VOTE: Unanimous consent, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-016R

Presentations/Introduction of Guest/Announcements

- Friends of the Rouge, Mr. Herman Jenkins and Octavia Smith, presented the activities associated with the Rouge River and encouraged everyone to participate in the cleaning and restoration efforts. For more information contact Herman Jenkins at hjenkins@therouge.org or via phone at (313)806-8199. Pamphlets are available at City Hall.
- Frank W. Ervin, III, Government Affairs and Economic Development Executive at the Ervin Policy Group presented his available services.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Motion by Watley, second by Shaw to approve the consent agenda with the following corrections. Page 3, under Council Comments, Councilmember Watley was misquoted.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-017R

Boards and Commissions Appointments

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Shaw to re-appoint Walter Johnson to Inkster Parks and Recreation Commission to serve a three-year term, expiring February 28, 2026.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-018R

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to re-appoint William Miller to the Inkster Board of Review to serve a term of one year expiring March 1, 2024.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-019R

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to re-appoint Lenoria Warmack to the Inkster Board of Review to serve a term of one year expiring March 1, 2024.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-020R

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to re-appoint Peggy Bishop to the Inkster Board of Review to serve a term of one year expiring March 1, 2024.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-021R

MOTION: Motion by Chisholm, second by Howard to re-appoint Ned Sanders to the Inkster Board of Review, as an alternate member, to serve a term of one year expiring March 1, 2024.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-022R

New Business

A. Consumers Energy Lease

Director Bivins presented this item.

MOTION: Motion by Shaw, second by Washington to approve an extension request from Consumers Energy to continue leasing the land at 3250 Middlebelt Road for sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.00) for a period of one (1) year. Consumers Energy is proposing to use half the amount of space utilized last year.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-023R

B. Ervin Policy Group, LLC

MOTION: Motion by William, second by Chisholm to authorize the administration to enter into a professional service agreement with Ervin Policy Group, LLC for government relations and public policy advocacy services for the City of Inkster.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-024R

C. Land Sale – Case Number (LD 23-02)

MOTION: Motion by Williams, second by Washington to approve an offer to purchase and redevelop two parcels of land located at 27206 and 27210 Michigan Ave. in the amount of \$24,000.00 from AAHM Investments and First Windows Plus Factory and authorize the administration to enter into a development agreement with AAHM Investments for the development.

VOTE: 6-0, motion carried. Resolution 02-23-025R

Public Comment

The following persons participated in public comment:

- Barbara Cooper expressed her appreciation to the City on behalf of the Inkster Goodfellows for a successful event. She commended the Fire Chief and the IFD, DPS, Mr. Greene, and the Clerks office for their Support. Finally, there will be a recognition dinner on February 14, 2023, at 6PM.
- Felicia Paisley expressed concern about marijuana dispensaries and the strong odors emitting into the community from existing cultivation centers.
- Evonne Moore announced a Black History Program and invited all to the celebration that would highlight children on Sunday February 26, 2023 at Springhill MBC located at 2655 Springhill. A soul food dinner will be served, please RSVP by February 20th. She also announced an event that where children can make Valentine cards and cookies on Feb. 13, 2023 from 4-6 pm at 27441 Belt Street. She further announced the Unity in the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 8, 2023, from 2-4pm. Finally, she thanked everyone for all of their Christmas contributions.
- Octavia Smith thanked Chief Hubbard and the IFD for supporting the Winter Blast. She further mentioned the COC pop-up events and finally Zumba classes on Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm.
- C. Porter reported a water main break at 29937 Pierce.
- Joseph Hamilton expressed concern about losing his home and delinquent water bill.
- Bonnie spoke about speed bumps, blight, and is in support of reducing the number of dispensaries in the community.
- Gabe Henderson greeted the Inkster family and thanked the City for continuing to allow programs at the Booker Dozier Rec Center.

City Clerk - No Comments.

Treasurer - No Comments.

Mayor and Council

- **Councilmember Watley:**
 - Spotlited Ms. Kalilya Smith, Ms. Rodeo Michigan 2023, who will be showcased at a Coronation on March 4, at 6p.m. For more information, email swatley@cityofinkster.com
 - Urged Inkster residents to attend the next council meeting and bring a neighbor, because there are too many dispensaries in Inkster.
- **Councilmember Washington:**
 - No comment
- **Councilmember Shaw:**
 - Commended Stephanie Taylor for the wonderful work that she is doing with the Covenant House.
- **Mayor Pro Tem Howard**
 - Thanked DPS for the fantastic job of removing snow during the last storm.
- **Councilmember Williams:**
 - Further commended Ms. Taylor for the work she does in the community. He noted that God is blessing her work. He wished everyone a happy Valentine’s Day and Black History Month.
- **Councilmember Chisholm:**
 - Expressed a desire for a refresher on Parliamentary Procedure.
 - Spoke in memoriam of Nelson Isaac Williams, former Athletic Director. His memorial service was February 11th at 2pm.

Adjournment

The regular council meeting of January 17, 2023, adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by motion of Councilmember Shaw, second by Mayor Pro Tem Howard and unanimous consent of the body.

Verna Chapman, City Clerk
City of Inkster

Approved:
Posted: